



December 15, 2005

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Adjustments to Marin County 2006 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)
Nominations – Agenda Item 7

Dear Commissioners:

Executive Summary

Staff will provide an update at the meeting on the 101 HOV Gap Closure bid opening results from the December 13th bid opening on the Central San Rafael project and provide recommend any adjustments to the STIP nominations if needed. Staff has also been coordinating with the Marin County Transit District on the Novato Transit Hub project. MCTD has been in discussions with the City of Novato and Golden Gate Transit on options for a temporary hub and alternative permanent hub locations. Staff has revised TAM's STIP submittal to enable STIP funds to be spent on a temporary hub location. In addition, the funds for beginning the project have been accelerated into the next Fiscal Year, FY 2006-07; note TAM's previous adopted programming in October was for \$3M in FY 2010-11. The CTC is likely willing to program this Public Transportation Account project early in the STIP, since there is an abundance of PTA funds and likely not enough eligible projects. Staff recommends advancing the project after any advances needed for the 101 Gap Closure are assured.

Recommendation: Consider the staff update on the Segment 3 bid opening provided at the meeting, and the progress being made to advance the Novato transit hub project. Make any necessary adjustments to insure delivery of Segment 3, TAM's highest priority project.

The STIP is updated every two years and programs funds for the next five fiscal years. TAM adopted 2006 STIP priorities at the October 27, 2005 meeting as show on the attached 2006 RTIP Proposed Funding Summary List. These recommendations are summarized below. These recommendations may need to be revisited depending on the outcome of the Hwy 101 Gap Closure Central San Rafael bid results.

From October's TAM Board adoption of recommended STIP Programming:

In FY 2006-07, \$5M is programmed for cost increases above Caltrans current cost estimate for the 101 Gap Closure Segment 4, per recent discussions with Caltrans, and \$2.2M is programmed for the landscaping element of the completed Gap Closure projects over Cal Park Hill. These projects are on schedule to go out to construction next year.

In FY 2007-08, the historical commitment of \$2,200,000 for the Marin-Sonoma Narrows design phase is provided. This matches an equal amount of funding from Sonoma County and from the ITIP, the State's Interregional Transportation Improvement Program. With the Draft EIS/EIR due to be released in the summer of 2006, the Narrows project will likely enter the design phase in FY 2007-08.

In FY 2008-09, programming for the second portion of the Hwy 101 Landscaping is found, for the Central San Rafael portions of the corridor that are going under construction this year and next year. With construction complete in late 2008, the landscaping project can immediately follow.

In FY 2009-10, there is programming for a portion of the Right of Way phase for the Marin Sonoma Narrows. This programming is a placeholder as the steadily increasing costs of the Hwy 101 Gap Closure, and the volatility of the Fund estimate may necessitate other uses of these funds.

New programming of \$3M in FY 2010-11 was provided for a transit hub in the Novato area, and staff recommended advancing the project after the advances needed for the 101 Gap Closure are assured. Note the CTC may be willing to program this PTA eligible project earlier.

Other STIP priorities include Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds in every year for both MTC and TAM staffing, which are limited by statute to 1%.

The bid opening for the Segment 3 Gap Closure project is scheduled to take place on December 13th. If bids are significantly higher than the engineer's estimate, then the project may necessitate additional funds being approved by the CTC. This supplemental fund vote by the CTC may affect Marin County shares and cause changes to the above programming.

Recommendation:

1. Consider the staff update on the Segment 3 bid opening provided at the meeting, and the progress being made to advance the Novato transit hub project.
2. Make any necessary adjustments to insure delivery of Segment 3, TAM highest priority project.

Attachments:

2006 RTIP Proposed Funding Summary List

2006 RTIP Proposed Funding Summary List December 14, 2005 (Dollars in Thousands)

Marin

Agency	PRNO	Project	Comments	2006 RTIP Funding by Fiscal Year							2006 RTIP Funding by Component				
				Total	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	R/W	Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup
Prior Commitments (Not Part of 2006 STIP Target)															
MTC		2127A	AB 3080 reimbursement (03-04 PPM)	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0
MTC		2127	Planning, programming, and monitoring	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Marin CMA		2127C	Planning, programming, and monitoring	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0
MTC		2127B	TE reserve	261	261	0	0	0	0	0	0	261	0	0	0
Proposed 2006 RTIP Programming - Non PTA															
Caltrans		342L	U.S. 101 HOV Lanes (segments 5, 5A)	2,200	0	0	0	2,200	0	0	0	2,200	0	0	0
Caltrans		342L	U.S. 101 HOV Lanes (Puerto Suello)	7,473	0	7,473	0	0	0	0	0	7,473	0	0	0
Caltrans		360F	U.S. 101 Novato-Petaluma Widening	15,526	0	0	2,200	0	13,326	0	13,326	0	0	2,200	0
TAM		2127C	Planning, programming, and monitoring	168	0	24	25	39	40	40	0	0	168	0	0
MTC		2127	Planning, programming, and monitoring	95	0	18	18	20	20	19	0	0	95	0	0
Total Non-PTA				25,462	0	7,515	2,243	2,259	13,386	59	13,326	9,673	263	2,200	0
Proposed 2006 RTIP Programming - PTA Eligible															
MCTD		NEW	Novato Transit Hub	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	0	2,500	250	0
Total PTA-eligible				3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	0	2,500	250	0
Proposed 2006 RTIP Programming Total				28,462	0	7,515	2,243	2,259	13,386	3,059	13,326	9,923	516	4,400	0
Proposed 2006 Transportation Enhancements (TE)															
MTC		2127B	TE reserve - County Discretionary	957	0	198	759	0	0	0	0	957	0	0	0
MTC		2127B	TE reserve - County TLC	1,475	0	214	418	444	217	182	0	1,475	0	0	0
Proposed 2006 TE Programming Total				2,432	0	412	1,177	444	217	182	0	1,475	0	0	0